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MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers and Civilians Assigned or Attached to the United States Army Student Detachment (USASD)

SUBJECT: USASD Holiday Safety Message

1. The Holiday season is quickly coming upon us. Hopefully, this time will allow each of you to take time away from your studies and other missions to enjoy family, friends, and plenty of much deserved rest. For each of you who will remain deployed or remotely located, I encourage you all to steal away a few moments to revel in the joy and celebration of this season. I pray that each of your safety and wish you a speedy return.
2. While this time of year is generally cheerful, we must bear in mind that it can also be the most dangerous. We can prevent some of the season's dangers by taking active measures to ensure that every member of the USASD enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday period.
3. Remember that desperate times call for desperate measures! The holiday season sometimes compounds the financial and emotional burdens of the year. In our current economy and state of constant deployment, Soldiers seem to be at higher risk of being the target of violent acts, unscrupulous behavior, or accidental misfortune. Therefore we must all take a moment to elevate our awareness to combat these hazards. Approach each aspect of the season as you would an operational mission: plan ahead, conduct composite risk management, and execute to standard. If you plan on engaging in holiday festivities, ensure that you always go with a battle buddy. If you must be out alone, ensure that you make sure that someone knows where you are going and when to expect you back. If you plan on taking long trips, check the local weather and road conditions prior to your departure. Ensure that you are prepared for local weather conditions. Make sure that you know who to reach in the event that you have an emergency. If you feel like you need someone to talk to, call me or someone you trust immediately. Remember that the decisions you make affect not only yourself, but they affect your Family, friends, and comrades as well.
4. If you do have an emergency over this holiday break, please ensure that you contact the chain of command immediately. You can also contact the detachment **Staff Duty** by calling **803-429-5139**. You can also visit our website at www.jackson.army.mil/sites/USASD for additional points of contact.
5. As we wrap up a successful year, I look forward to the challenges that the New Year will bring. I hope that each and every one of you enjoy a wonderful and safe holiday season.

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